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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; excluding aid and attendance benefits from the MinnesotaCare
1.3 definition of income; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256L.01,
1.4 subdivision 5.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256L.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Income.** (a) "Income" has the meaning given for earned and unearned
1.8 income for families and children in the medical assistance program, according to the
1.9 state's aid to families with dependent children plan in effect as of July 16, 1996. The
1.10 definition does not include medical assistance income methodologies and deeming
1.11 requirements. The earned income of full-time and part-time students under age 19 is
1.12 not counted as income. Public assistance payments and supplemental security income
1.13 are not excluded income.

1.14 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, and unless otherwise specified in this section,
1.15 the commissioner shall use reasonable methods to calculate gross earned and unearned
1.16 income including, but not limited to, projecting income based on income received within
1.17 the past 30 days, the last 90 days, or the last 12 months.

1.18 (c) Aid and attendance benefits from the United States Department of Veterans
1.19 Affairs shall not be counted as income.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2009.